

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of the Claims

Claims 1-30 were pending in the application. Claims 1-30 are cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 31-48 have been added in this reply. No new matter is added by way of these new claims. Accordingly, claims 31-48 are pending in the application. Claims 31, 37, and 43 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from the independent claims.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-30 are cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer.

Objections to the Specification.

The specification is objected to for including the number “200” twice: once for “Internet Browsing Environment,” and once for “computer server.” The specification has been amended to address the typographical error. Accordingly, withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-30 have been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,919 ("Nielsen"). Claim 27 has been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 9, 21-23, and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nielsen. Claims 103, 9, 21-23, and 28-30 have been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-8, 10-20, and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nielsen and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,151,624 ("Teare"). Claims 4-8, 10-20, and 24-26 have been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer.

New Claims

Claims 31-48 have been added by this reply. Claims 31, 38, and 45 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from the independent claims. No new matter is

added by these claims as support may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0030]-[0034] of the Specification.

Applicants assert that the new claims are patentable over the cited prior art. Specifically, neither Nielsen nor Teare teach or suggest at least the following limitations of the new claims:

- (i) redirection of only invalid URLs (see claims 31, 37, 43)
- (ii) mapping between an alias and a target dully qualified domain name (see claims 35, 41, 47); and
- (iii) determining the target FQDN using components (i.e., the URL detection module, the URL redirection module, and the FQDN translation module) in the browser (see 36, 42, 48).

In view of the above, favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03226/493002).

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